

News & Announcements

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Erie Board of Trustees Action Items – August 27, 2013

Board Approves Extending Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Businesses – The Board approved an ordinance extending the Moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing and approval of applications and the licensing, permitting, establishment or operation of any recreational marijuana business. The Moratorium applies to any recreational marijuana business that sells, cultivates, manufactures, prepares, packages, purchases, tests, or otherwise provides for or allows for the use of marijuana or marijuana products pursuant to Amendment 64 approved by the voters of the State Of Colorado at the November 6, 2012, General Election. The Moratorium which was first approved in January of this year was set to expire on October 1, 2013. The Moratorium now extends to and through December 31, 2014.

It is important to keep in mind that nothing in the Moratorium extension ordinance or the Moratorium itself will alter or affect the rights of an individual 21 years of age or older to use, possess and grow a limited amount of marijuana as guaranteed by Amendment 64.

Board Approves Ordinance Extending Fee Waivers in Historic Downtown – During Tuesday night's meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an ordinance extending the waiver of certain fees for building permits in Historic Downtown Erie. The fees to be waived as per the Erie Municipal Code include the following: building permit fee, electrical permit fee, mechanical permit fee, plumbing permit fee, and miscellaneous fees (demolition fee, fence fee, re-roof fee, solar energy system fee or device fee and plan check fee). The extended fee waiver will expire on December 31, 2016. As directed by the Board, the fee waiver applies to remodels, additions or other enhancements to existing buildings or properties. The fee waiver does not apply to new residential buildings or new commercial buildings within the Historic Erie Neighborhood. The original ordinance approving fee waivers for Historic Downtown was passed by the Board on August, 28, 2012.

Board Awards Construction Contract for Taxiway Lighting at Erie Municipal Airport – The Board awarded a construction contract to Airfield Western, LLC, for the Erie Municipal Airport (EIK) Taxiway Edge Lighting System Project in the amount of \$283,699.

BACKGROUND: The 2013 Airport Budget includes funds for the design and construction of a Taxiway Lighting System and the associated Guidance Signs. Currently the main taxiway that provides primary access to the Runway 15/33 for aircraft is un-lighted. The addition of taxiway lighting and new guidance signs will improve operational safety for aircraft operating at night.

In February 2012, the Town of Erie Board of Trustees approved Resolution 13-33 accepting State of Colorado Division of Aeronautics Grant funds for this project. This project will improve operational safety at the Erie Municipal Airport.

Jviation Inc., the Town of Erie's FAA approved consulting engineer, sent out an Invitation to Bid in July. The projects were advertised in the Daily Journal and on the Town's website. The Bid Opening was held on July 31, 2013.

The project will be funded with the grant from the CDOT -Aeronautics Division and a portion of the FAA Entitlement Grant that is received each year. Construction bids came in much better than anticipated and the project can be designed and constructed using the full CDOT grant and \$25,000 from the 2013

\$150,000 FAA Entitlement Grant. Staff and Airport Management has worked with the FAA to have the remaining \$125,000 of the FAA Grant rolled over into 2014.

The \$25,000 FAA Grant will be drafted and brought before the BOT in the near future for acceptance. The FAA money is primarily to cover the contingency for the project. The project can be awarded based on the CDOT grant.

View complete August 27, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting Packet [here](#).

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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